



**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
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Captain Kyle Rekas

Re: Use of Force Reports 2020

Chief,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-compliance Reports that were filed in 2020. Below is a list of information that was gathered from these reports. I have reviewed the details of each incident to document the presents trends. After reviewing the incidents involving use of force, my conclusion is that there are no patterns that are evident or misuses of force that would require re-training or any further analysis.

Our present use of force reporting and command structure requires the following: Officers must complete a Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Form in addition to their incident/arrest report. The incident narratives and Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are reviewed by a shift supervisor. The Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are then forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review and approval. This approval is documented as a Response to Non-Compliance Guardian Entry. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Administrative Captain. Follow-up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's Early Warning System. In 2020, there were no Response to Non-Compliance/Use of Force Early Warning System indications.

There were a total of thirty-five (35) Response to Non-Compliance entries into Guardian and a total of twelve (12) Response/Non-Compliance Forms completed. The reason for the disparity in numbers is due to events where multiple officers were involved.

Whereas each officer involved in a Use of Force event requires a separate Guardian entry, one Response/Non-Compliance Form is required to be completed for each incident.

In reviewing each incident, there were only two incidents where one officer was involved. In all other incidents, anywhere from two to five officers were involved.

OC Spray was deployed on two occasions having its desired effect on two combative individuals.

The Taser was brandished in one incident but not used. It was deployed in a second incident having its desired effect.

One of the departments K9's, Astor, was deployed on one occasion to subdue a highly combative individual while in the commission of a felony.

The Emergency Restraint Chair was used on two occasions to control combative and disruptive individuals who after taken into custody attempted to destroy and vandalize the cell block area.

Firearms were brandished only, on three separate occasions all during either felony arrests or conducting felony car stops. No shots were fired.

Physical force was used on seven different occasions with only complaints of minor injuries that were documented correctly and given medical attention by Narragansett Fire/Rescue or South County Hospital as needed.

All of the above mentioned incidents were policy compliant. The determination of compliancy was based on information contained in Narragansett Police Department Policies to include: 301.01 Use of Force, 310.07 Taser Deployment, 310.02 Oleoresin Capsicum Spray, 370.07 Emergency Restraint Chair and 365.02 Canine Policy.

After reviewing these matters, it appears all Use of Force incidents are being documented correctly with no patterns of misuse that would require re-training.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rekas', written over a horizontal line.

Captain Kyle Rekas
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